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1. AFTER CTNSIDERABLE WAIT, BECAUSE OF LAST-MI UTE DRAFTING
ON 12-COUNTRY DECLARATION (SEPTEL), CLOSED DOOR MEETING TF ALL
HEADS OF DELEGATION TOOK PLACE MID-MORNING NOVEMBER 12. CHAIR-
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I FORMAL DRAFT WORKEE UP THE NIGHT BEFORE AT THE MEETING OF "ABSTENTIONIST" HEADS OF DELEGATION. (REFTEL)

2. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA TOOK THE LEAD IN EXPLAINING PURPOSE F DRAFT AS ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ABSTANTIONISTS A ND THOSE WHO FAVTR LIFTING SANCTIONS IN ORDER THAT MEETING COULD PRODUCE SOME CONCLUSION. HE NOTED IT WAS DRAFTED IN RESPONSE TO MEXICAN SUGGESTION THAT ABSTENTIONISTS TRY TO COME UP WITH THEIR OWN DRAFT. THROUGH LEAVIHG OPEN 15TH MFM THE DOOR COULD BE LEFT OPEN FOR LATER AGREEMENT. IT WAS NOT A BRAZILIAN IDEA, BUT ONE BRAZIL COULD SUPPORT. THIS PROCEDURE COULD CREATE CONDITIONS AND EVEN FIX A CALENDAR, PERHAPS BEFORE THE APRIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, FOR FINAL RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE. SILVEIRA ADDES THAT# IF THE MAJORITY DID NOT WANT IT, IT WOULD NOT BE FORMALLY SUBMITTED AS A DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. URUGUAY SUPPORTED THE CONCEPT AS DID PARAGUAY. COLOMBIA, HOWEVER, WHILE EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE ABSTENTIONIST COUNTRIES, SAID THAT IT WAS NOT SATISFACTORY. PERU'S DE LA FLOR SAID IT WAS FAIRLY CLEAR THIS DRAFT HAD NOT CHANGED MATTERS, AND WHY NOT HAVE SHOW OF HANDS. THE RESULT WAS EIGHT IN FAVOR, ONE ABSTENTION (U.S.) AND 12 AGAINST. NO RECORD WAS KEPT OF PROCEEDINGS ANZ SHOW OF HANDS WAS SIMPLY TO ESTABLISH THAT THIS DRAY DID NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY WE ADJOURNED TO A PUBLIC GENERAL COMMITTEE SESSION WHERE THE VOTE ON THE COSTA RICAN/COLOMBIAN/VENEZUELAN RESOLUTION TOOK PLACE AS REPORTED IN REFTEL.
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